

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Maino *et al.*
Serial No. : 08/803,702
Filed : February 21, 1997
For : METHOD FOR DETECTING T CELL RESPONSE TO
SPECIFIC ANTIGENS IN WHOLE BLOOD
Group Art Unit : 1642
Examiner : Phillip Gambel, Ph.D.

Attention: Office of Petitions
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

**Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) to
Revive an Application Abandoned Unintentionally**

Sir:

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure timely to respond to the Office action mailed September 16, 1997, which set a three month shortened statutory period for reply. Applicants file concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend time to respond for three (3) months, with fee as specified at 1.17(a)(3), extending the time to respond to the full statutory period ending March 16, 1998.

Applicants hereby petition for revival of this application. This petition is filed within one year of the date of abandonment of the application, as extended to the full

statutory period by concurrent petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.

Applicants file concurrently herewith: (1) the petition fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m); and (2) a reply to the above-noted Office Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. Since this utility application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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